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SUBJECT: OIL NEGOTIATIONS: STATUS REPORT

1. ON MARCH 12, SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OSIPOV PRESENTED ORAL STATEMENT TO POATS, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF WHICH WAS: "IF THE US SIDE IS NOT READY AT THE PRESENT TIME TO MODIFY ITS POSITION ON FREIGHT RATES, THE SOVIET DELEGATION CONCLUDES THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO RECESS NEGOTIATIONS AND RESUME THEM ONLY WHEN THE US SIDE STATES THAT IT IS READY TO RESUME ON THE BASIS OF FREIGHT RATES OBTAINING IN THE WORLD MARKET."

2. OSIPOV SAID HIS DELEGATION PLANS TO DEPART FOR MOSCOW ON TUESDAY UNLESS WE ACCEDED TO SOVIET CONCEPT OF "MARKET RATES." POATS PROMISED US REPLY MONDAY AFTERNOON, AND EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT US COULD ALTER INSISTENCE ON A RATE SCHEDULE THAT ASSURES PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT OF SMALLER US TANKERS. KISSINGER
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